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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
14 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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16 MARIA ALVARADO DE MUNOZ, ) CIV-F-02-6286 OWW SMS  
17 Plaintiff, ) MEMORANDUM AND ORDER RE:  
18 v. ) DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR  
19 COUNTY OF FRESNO, and DOES 1-50, ) PARTIAL SUMMARY JUDGMENT  
20 inclusive, )  
21 Defendants. )  
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26 I. INTRODUCTION

27 This action arises out of Plaintiff's arrest pursuant to an  
28 eleven year old arrest warrant issued for another person, who had  
used Plaintiff's name as an alias. Plaintiff's complaint alleges  
both federal and state claims. Defendant moves for partial  
summary judgment on Plaintiff's state claims.

29 II. BACKGROUND

30 A. Procedural History

31 On October 21, 2002, Plaintiff Maria Alvarado de Munoz filed  
32 her Complaint, docket No. 1, naming the County of Fresno and Does  
33 1 through 50, inclusive, as Defendants, and stating a claim under

1 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Upon motion by Defendants, docket No. 4, the  
2 action was dismissed with leave to amend by Order, docket no. 6.  
3 Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint, docket no. 7, on  
4 December 24, 2002. Defendants filed an Answer, docket no. 8, on  
5 January 2, 2003.

6 The First Amended Complaint states the following claims: (1)  
7 violation of the United States Constitution, Amendments IV and  
8 XIV, under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for unlawful seizure; (2)  
9 supplemental claim for assault and battery; (3) false arrest and  
10 imprisonment; (4) negligence; (5) negligent infliction of  
11 emotional distress; and (6) violation of the California  
12 Constitution, Article 1, §§ 7(a) and 13. Docket no. 7, at 5:1-  
13 7:8. Defendant contests all six claims. Answer, docket no. 8,  
14 at 3:8-4:12. Defendant asserts eleven separate affirmative  
15 defenses. *Id.* at 4:13-6:2.

16 On August 15, 2003, Defendants moved for summary  
17 adjudication of all Plaintiff's state law claims. Docket no. 45.  
18 Plaintiff filed her Opposition, docket no. 58, on August 29,  
19 2003. Defendants filed a Reply, docket no. 60, on September 8,  
20 2003.

21 B. Defendant's Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting  
22 Evidence<sup>1</sup>

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25 <sup>1</sup> Under Local Rule 56-260(b), "[a]ny party opposing a  
26 motion for summary judgment or summary adjudication shall  
27 reproduce the itemized facts in the Statement of Undisputed Facts  
28 and admit those facts which are undisputed and deny those which  
are disputed. . . ." As Plaintiff has responded only to the last  
of Defendant County of Fresno's undisputed facts as 56-260(b)  
requires, all but that single fact will be deemed admitted.

1                   Undisputed Material Fact

2                   A. Initial Investigation and Arrest.

3                   1. In July 2002, Deputy Erich Garringer was  
4                   assigned by the County of Fresno Sheriff's Department  
5                   to the United States Marshal's Office, Central Valley  
6                   Joint Fugitive Task Force.

7                   Supporting Evidence

8                   Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 2.

9                   2. Deputy Garringer's duties in that capacity  
10                  included locating and apprehending fugitives wanted by  
11                  the FBI which provided him with files on wanted  
12                  fugitives who were receiving financial aid from the  
13                  federal government.

14                  Supporting Evidence

15                  Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 2

16                  3. Deputy Garringer was provided an FBI file for  
17                  Maria Herrera during his assignment to the United  
18                  States Marshal's Office and understood from reviewing  
19                  the file that it was based upon an October 17, 1991, no  
20                  bail arrest warrant for the arrest of Maria Herrera  
21                  which had been issued by the Fresno County Superior  
22                  Court for a violation of Health and Safety Code section  
23                  11351 and for a violation of probation.

24                  Supporting Evidence

25                  Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 3

26                  4. On August 28, 2002, Deputy Garringer began his  
27                  investigation into the Maria Herrera file. The warrant  
28                  abstract which was included in the FBI file for Maria  
                        Herrera indicated that she used an alias of Maria  
                        Munoz.

Supporting Evidence

                        Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 4

                        5. Deputy Garringer also conducted a computer  
                        search on Maria Herrera in the Fresno County Sheriff's  
                        Department Records Management System (RMS) and noted  
                        the address of 1940 Tri Circle, Firebaugh, California  
                        and noted the same alias of Maria Munoz.

Supporting Evidence

                        Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 5

                        6. Deputy Garringer also obtained a copy of Maria  
                        Herrera's driver's license photograph.

Supporting Evidence

                        Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 6

                        7. Deputy Garringer also ran an "Info Tech"  
                        search under the name Maria Herrera which showed a

1 Maria J. Munoz with a date of birth of June 1944, and a  
2 Maria Munoz with a date of birth of 1944, with a social  
3 security number which was plaintiff Maria Munoz's true  
4 social security number and a third alias of Maria  
5 Franco with the same social security number. Info Tech  
6 is a system which searches credit reports, bankruptcy  
7 records, property deeds, death certificates and civil  
and criminal files by either name or social security  
number. Multiple entries with addresses of 1940 Tri  
Circle Drive, Firebaugh; 1940 Drive, Firebaugh; and  
1940 Tri Circle, Selma were also revealed. The most  
recent address shown by this search was the 1940 Tri  
Circle, Firebaugh, California address.

7           Supporting Evidence

8           Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 7

9           8. Deputy Garringer concluded that Maria Herrera  
10 was a fugitive with multiple identities, multiple dates  
11 of birth and multiple social security numbers who was  
making minor variations to her address to avoid  
12 apprehension. He believed the most recent address  
entry of 1940 Tri Circle, Firebaugh, California, to be  
accurate.

13           Supporting Evidence

14           Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 8

15           9. Deputy Garringer noted that there was a  
16 discrepancy in the physical description of Maria  
17 Herrera's height and weight in the documents he  
reviewed, but understood that in a ten year period, a  
person's weight can change. He believed that the  
height discrepancy noted in the documents was due to a  
typographical error.

18           Supporting Evidence

19           Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 9

20           10. On September 20, 2002, Deputy Garringer  
21 provided Deputy Haslam with several warrant packages,  
including Maria Herrera's file. Deputy Garringer asked  
Deputy Haslam to distribute the packages to the day  
shift deputies and to request that they attempt to  
locate and arrest the wanted fugitives identified in  
the files.

22           Supporting Evidence

23           Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 10

24           11. The morning of September 20, 2002, Deputy  
25 Haslam and Deputy David Cunha went to 1940 Tri Circle,  
Firebaugh, the address on the warrant, in an attempt to  
serve the arrest warrant for Maria Herrera.

26           Supporting Evidence

27           Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 29:10-17; 30:8-  
28 23; Deposition of Deputy Cunha pages 5:5-7:2; 7:14-  
8:14; and 9:7-11.

1       12. Deputy Haslam was told by Deputy Garringer  
2       that there were numerous aliases for Maria Herrera, as  
3       well as different driver's license numbers and social  
4       security numbers.

5       Supporting Evidence

6       Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 20:15-21:20

7       13. On the morning of her arrest, plaintiff  
8       showed Deputy Haslam her social security card and the  
9       number on the plaintiff's card matched the one on the  
10      warrant. This indicated to him that she was the same  
11      person that was wanted in the warrant packet.

12      Supporting evidence

13      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 28:14-29:8

14      14. Deputy Haslam had looked at the picture with  
15      the warrant packet before he went to the Firebaugh  
16      address and then again while he was at the door of the  
17      plaintiff's house. He compared the picture to Maria  
18      Munoz and believed it was the same person. Plaintiff's  
19      name, Maria Munoz, was also one of the names in the  
20      warrant.

21      Supporting Evidence

22      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 30:10-23; 34:5-

23      11

24      15. Deputy Haslam noted that plaintiff Munoz had  
25      on glasses and that in the picture she did not.  
26      However, that did not cause him to believe that he  
27      should investigate her identity further, as he had no  
28      information from the DMV regarding the suspect's need  
      for corrective lenses.

17      Supporting Evidence

18      Deposition of Deputy Haslam, pages 34:12-35:4

19      16. While Deputy Haslam did notice that plaintiff  
20      was a different height than that shown on the warrant,  
21      based upon prior experience, he assumed it was a  
22      typographical error.

23      Supporting Evidence

24      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 35:13-36:7

25      17. Deputy Haslam also noticed that her weight  
26      was different, but understood that weight changes over  
27      time.

28      Supporting Evidence

      Deposition of Deputy Haslam page 36:8-24

18. Deputy Haslam noted that plaintiff's driver's  
license number was also on the warrant and that the  
date of birth matched that on the warrant package.

19      Supporting Evidence

20      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 37:2-38:16;  
21      43:9-23

1       19. When Deputy Haslam saw that the driver's  
2       license numbers matched, he assumed it was the same  
3       person as on the warrant.

4       Supporting Evidence

5       Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 39:15-40:39;  
6       43:9-23

7       20. Deputy Cunha had looked at the picture of  
8       Maria Herrera before he and Deputy Haslam arrived at  
9       Plaintiff's home. He believed plaintiff was the person  
10      they were looking for.

11      Supporting Evidence

12      Deposition of Deputy Cunha pages 7:17-8:14; 18:3-

13      25

14      21. Prior to arresting the plaintiff, Deputy  
15      Cunha called the AT&T translator who told him that the  
16      plaintiff said that she had never been in trouble  
17      before, did not have a warrant, and that she wasn't  
18      Maria Herrera.

19      Supporting Evidence

20      Deposition of Deputy Cunha pages 10:25-12:13

21      22. Deputy Cunha called Deputy Garringer to  
22      verify that the plaintiff was the right person before  
23      he and Deputy Haslam arrested her. All the information  
24      that they had indicated to Deputy Cunha that plaintiff  
25      was the person they were looking for.

26      Supporting Evidence

27      Deposition of Deputy Cunha pages 17:24-18:25

28      23. During that telephone conversation, Deputy  
29      Garringer told Deputy Cunha to ask Munoz if she was  
30      receiving social security at the Tri Circle address and  
31      Deputy Cunha determined that she was. They also  
32      discussed the fact that plaintiff matched the picture  
33      that the deputies had and the discrepancies in the  
34      physical description of Herrera and Munoz.

35      Supporting Evidence

36      Garringer Declaration Paragraph 11

37      24. Deputy Haslam and Deputy Cunha remained at  
38      plaintiff's house for ten to twenty minutes.

39      Supporting Evidence

40      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 46:24-47:14

41      25. After Deputy Cunha completed his phone  
42      conversation with the translator and spoke with Deputy  
43      Garringer, they put handcuffs on the plaintiff and left  
44      the house with her. She was handcuffed because she was  
45      under arrest for the no bail arrest warrant.

46      Supporting Evidence

47      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 46:24-47:14

48      26. Deputies Haslam and Cunha indicated that the

1 tone of plaintiff's voice indicated that she was upset,  
2 but she did not resist.

2       Supporting Evidence

3       Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 47:22-48:18

4       27. Based upon the documents which Deputies  
5       Garringer, Haslam and Cunha reviewed concerning Maria  
6       Herrera's FBI file, they believed that plaintiff Maria  
7       Munoz was the person identified in the warrant.

7       Supporting Evidence

6       Garringer Declaration, Paragraph 12; Deposition of  
7       Deputy Haslam, page 57:16-21; Deposition of Deputy  
Cunha, pages 17:24-18:25.

8       28. Plaintiff was initially taken to the  
9       Firebaugh Courthouse where there is a holding cell.

9       Supporting Evidence

10      Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 47:15-21; 48:19-  
49:7.

11      29. Deputy Chacon communicated with plaintiff in  
12     Spanish at the Firebaugh Courthouse and advised Deputy  
13     Haslam that she had some type of medical condition  
concerning her heart and that she could not be held at  
the Courthouse because of this.

14       Supporting Evidence

14       Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 49:8-23

15      30. Once Deputy Haslam was made aware of the fact  
16     that the plaintiff had a medical condition, he  
17     transported her to the Fresno County Jail.

17       Supporting Evidence

17       Deposition of Deputy Haslam pages 50:2-6

18      31. He took her inside, retrieved his arrest  
19     report off of the computer and plaintiff waited for her  
turn to be seen by the jail screening nurse.

20       Supporting Evidence

20       Deposition of Deputy Haslam, pages 50:7-13: 54:6-  
21 .

22      32. Deputy Haslam did not inform the people at  
23     the county facility that plaintiff was claiming not to  
be Maria Herrera, as he believed that he had arrested  
the person in the warrant.

24       Supporting Evidence

24       Deposition of Deputy Haslam, page 57:1-21

25      33. He had not taken her prescription medications  
26     with her at the time she was arrested knowing that she  
27     would go through a medical screening process at the  
County Jail and that any necessary medications would be  
provided to her.

1                   Supporting Evidence

2                   Deposition of Deputy Haslam, pages 66:20-67:17.

3                   A. Booking Process.

4                   a. Medical Screening

5                   34. Plaintiff's medical screening was the first  
6                   step of plaintiff's booking process and was conducted  
7                   by Registered Nurse Odilla Dionisio on September 20,  
8                   2002, at 11:07 a.m.

9                   Supporting Evidence

10                  Deposition of Dionisio of 2/25/03, pages 5:24-7:1;  
11                  and 5/6/03 pages 19:23-20:2.

12                  35. Nurse Dionisio used an interpreter to obtain  
13                  information from the plaintiff by use of a two way  
14                  xylophone service.

15                  Supporting Evidence

16                  Deposition of Dionisio of 5/6/03 pages 9:6-11:9;  
17                  19:4-19.

18                  36. She interacted with the plaintiff for five to  
19                  ten minutes and recalled that plaintiff had a heart  
20                  problem or hypertension. Plaintiff did not tell Nurse  
21                  Dionisio that she was not Maria Herrera.

22                  Supporting Evidence

23                  Deposition of Dionisio of 2/25/03 pages 18:6-  
24                  21:15.

25                  37. The medical condition screening form prepared  
26                  by Nurse Dionisio indicated that plaintiff was on  
27                  medication, was allergic to penicillin, had high blood  
28                  pressure, heart problems, including heart surgery, and  
29                  had diabetes mellitus.

30                  Supporting Evidence

31                  Deposition of Dionisio of 2/25/03 pages 21:16-  
32                  23:10; deposition transcript of 5/6/03 page 7:3-9:5;  
33                  19:4-20:2.

34                  38. Nurse Dionisio also checked plaintiff's blood  
35                  sugar.

36                  Supporting Evidence

37                  Deposition of Dioniso of 2/25/03 pages 35:12-  
38                  35:22.

39                  39. Nurse Dionisio asked plaintiff about current  
40                  medications and included the name of plaintiff's doctor  
41                  on the Jail Medical Form which she prepared.

42                  Supporting Evidence

43                  Deposition of Dionisio of 5/6/03 pages 11:10-  
44                  13:13.

45                  40. She obtained the name of plaintiff's pharmacy  
46                  and had plaintiff sign a release of medical information

1 for verification of the plaintiff's prescribed  
2 medications to be faxed to the pharmacy.

2       Supporting Evidence

3       Deposition of Dionisio of 5/6/03 pages 13:14-  
15:11.

4       41. Nurse Dionisio also referred plaintiff to a  
5 clinician and obtained orders from the clinician, Dr.  
6 Tiu. The orders included medications for plaintiff.

6       Supporting Evidence

7       Deposition of Dionisio of 5/6/03 pages 22:4-24.

7       42. Plaintiff did not appear to Nurse Dionisio to  
8 be in distress and acted normally in responding to her  
questions.

8       Supporting Evidence

9       Deposition of Dionisio of 5/6/03 pages 15:12-16:1.

10       43. After examining the plaintiff, Nurse Dionisio  
11 gave plaintiff's paperwork to the booking officer.

11       Supporting Evidence

12       Deposition of Dionisio of 2/25/03 pages 31:21-  
32:7.

13       b. Booking

14       44. Correctional Officer Andy Schick booked the  
15 plaintiff. The plaintiff appeared to C.O. Schick to be  
calm and she responded to the name Maria Herrera when  
he called her from the holding cell.

16       Supporting Evidence

17       Deposition of Schick pages 22:13-19.

18       c. Prints and Photographs

19       45. Plaintiff was fingerprinted and photographed  
by ID Tech James Whittton at about 4:00 p.m.

20       Supporting Evidence

21       Deposition of Whittton pages 16:7-18:4

22       46. He found plaintiff to be agreeable, quiet and  
very passive. He did not recall being told by anyone  
that she claimed she was not the right person.

23       Supporting Evidence

24       Deposition of Whittton pages 16:7-18:20.

25       47. Plaintiff also came out of the holding cell  
when ID Tech Whittton called out for Maria Herrera.

26       Supporting Evidence

27       Deposition of Whittton pages 18:5-20.

28       e. Classification Officer Interview

28       48. Because Munoz was booked on a no bail warrant  
it was anticipated that she would be housed in the

1 jail. Housing assignments are made by classification  
2 officers based upon an interview with the inmate and a  
3 criminal history check.

4       Supporting Evidence

5       Deposition of Murphy pages 20:19-25; 17:19-18:24;  
6 Deposition of Veloz page 5:7-19.

7       49. The classification interview with Munoz was  
8 conducted by C.O. Tony Veloz.

9       Supporting Evidence

10      Deposition of Veloz pages 5:20-23; 7:25-8:9.

11      50. Plaintiff was classified by C.O. Veloz as  
12 minimum security.

13       Supporting Evidence

14      Deposition of Veloz pages 7:25-10:18.

15       f. Strip Search

16      51. Correctional Officer Murphy did not recall  
17 the plaintiff claiming to be the wrong person. She did  
18 not know on the day of the incident about a mistaken  
19 identity.

20       Supporting Evidence

21      Deposition of Murphy pages 14:1-8; 23:7-20.

22      52. Plaintiff Munoz was strip searched by C.O.  
23 Murphy at approximately 8:12 p.m.

24       Supporting Evidence

25      Deposition of Murphy pages 19:2-20:18.

26      53. The strip search included a visual body  
27 cavity search of the plaintiff by C.O. Murphy to  
28 confirm that plaintiff had no contraband.

29       Supporting Evidence

30      Deposition of Murphy page 22:4-10.

31      54. The search was visual only and did not  
32 involve physical contact.

33       Supporting Evidence

34      Deposition of Murphy page 22:4-10.

35      55. The process took approximately five minutes.

36       Supporting evidence

37      Deposition of Murphy page 22:25-23:3.

38      56. C.O. Murphy described plaintiff's demeanor as  
39 modest, but did not note anything else about her  
40 demeanor.

41       Supporting Evidence

42      Deposition of Murphy page 22:17-24

43       g. Release

44      57. Because Munoz met certain qualifications, she

1 was eligible for early release pursuant to a federal  
2 court order prohibiting overcrowding of the jail. The  
3 determination to release Munoz was made at  
approximately 8:14 p.m. The early release was approved  
by Lieutenant Kevin Peters.

4       Supporting Evidence

5           Deposition of Akioyame pages 8:19-10:8; 11:8-5;  
13:11-14:14.

6       58. Munoz was released from the pre-release call  
7 at 11:03 p.m. through C.O. IV Blankston Akioyame and  
was cited to appear in court on September 27, 2002.  
The release package was prepared by officers in the  
front lobby. There were a number of other inmates  
being released during this period.

8       Supporting Evidence

9           Deposition of Akioyame pages 10:9-11:7; 12:18-  
13:21; Deposition of Lalaine Tiu, M.D., page 54:6-7.

10      h. Additional

11       59. The notation on Exhibit F to Sylvia Sokol's  
12 declaration, "Expire: 123199" does not mean that the  
warrant referenced in this printout expired on that  
date. The reason the date "123199" was entered on the  
screen was that the Records Management System had not  
been remediated to accept dates into the next century  
because of the "Y2K" problem on that date.

13       Supporting Evidence

14           Declaration of Les van Meter, paragraph 3.

15      C. Plaintiff's Undisputed Material Facts and Supporting  
16           Evidence with Defendant's Responses<sup>2</sup>

17       Plaintiff's No. 1. The Honorable Brant Bramer noted when he  
18 cleared Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz of all charges, "[s]he should not  
have been arrested and should not, of course, be arrested again.  
The names are not even similar."

19       Supporting Evidence: October 18, 2002, Hearing in Superior  
20 Court of the State of California In and For the County of Fresno  
21 (Sokol Decl. Ex. A).

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23       <sup>2</sup> Defendants' objections are set forth at length in docket  
24 no. 61.

1       Defendant's Response to No. 1. Undisputed to the extent  
2 that the statement was made. However, Defendant objects on the  
3 basis of relevance, as an observation made by a judge after the  
4 fact is not relevant as to whether the arresting officers had a  
5 reasonable belief at the time of the arrest that Plaintiff was  
6 the suspect named in the warrant. The fact that a mistaken  
7 arrest was made is not in dispute. Therefore, this post hoc  
8 opinion does not tend to prove that the actions of the deputy  
9 sheriffs were unreasonable. The objection is sustained on the  
10 ground of relevance for the purpose of this motion and improper  
11 legal opinion.

12      Plaintiff's No. 2. Maria Alvarado de Munoz suffers from  
13 diabetes and hypertension and has undergone two open heart  
14 surgeries.

15       Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 11:5-11 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
16 B).

17       Defendant's Response to No. 2. Undisputed, as Defendant has  
18 no evidence to the contrary. Defendant objects on the basis of  
19 relevance, as there is nothing to indicate that Defendant should  
20 have been aware of Plaintiff's pre-existing conditions prior to  
21 the arrest. Such testimony could only be relevant to Plaintiff's  
22 claim for inadequate medical care and damages, neither of which  
23 are at issue in this motion. Overruled in light of amendment of  
24 complaint.

25      Plaintiff's No. 3. Mrs. Munoz takes six types of  
26 medications throughout the day.

27       Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 12:22-13:8.

28       Defendant's Response to No. 3. Undisputed, as Defendant has

1 no evidence to dispute this testimony. Defendant objects on the  
2 basis of relevance, as there is nothing to indicate that  
3 Defendant should have been aware of Plaintiff's pre-existing  
4 conditions prior to the arrest. Such testimony could only be  
5 relevant to Plaintiff's claim for inadequate medical care and  
6 damages, neither of which is at issue in this motion. OVERRULED.

7 Plaintiff's No. 4. On September 20, 2002, at approximately  
8 9:00 a.m. two law enforcement officers from the Fresno County  
9 Sheriff's Department arrived at Mrs. Munoz's home.

10 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 11 (Sokol Decl. Ex. C).

11 Defendant's Response to No. 4. Undisputed (see Defendant's  
12 UMF no. 11).

13 Plaintiff's No. 5. Mrs. Munoz had not taken her morning  
14 dose of medication on September 20, 2002.

15 Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 14:23-25 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
16 B).

17 Defendant's Response to No. 5. Undisputed, as Defendant has  
18 no evidence to dispute this testimony. Defendant objects on the  
19 basis of relevance, as there is nothing to indicate that  
20 Defendant should have been aware of Plaintiff's pre-existing  
21 conditions prior to the arrest. Such testimony could only be  
22 relevant to Plaintiff's claim for inadequate medical care and  
23 damages, neither of which are at issue in this motion. Objection  
24 OVERRULED in light of amendment to complaint.

25 Plaintiff's No. 6. Mrs. Munoz has never been in trouble  
26 with the police and has no criminal record.

27 Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 7:3-4 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
28 B); Whittom Dep. at 37:11-38:8 (Sokol Decl. Ex. D).

1       Defendant's Response to No. 6. Undisputed. However,  
2 Defendant objects on the basis of relevance, as Defendant is not  
3 alleging that Plaintiff had a criminal record prior to her  
4 arrest. The fact that a mistaken arrest was made is not in  
5 dispute. Objection OVERRULED.

6       Plaintiff's No. 7. The officers hit the wall next to the  
7 door, demanded entry, and told Mrs. Munoz that she was under  
8 arrest.

9       Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 19:13-20, 21:16-19 (Sokol  
10 Decl. Ex. B).

11       Defendant's Response to No. 7. Disputed to the extent that  
12 this fact implies that Defendant's deputy sheriffs arrested  
13 Plaintiff immediately upon arrival at Plaintiff's residence, and  
14 made no considerations as to whether Plaintiff was indeed the  
15 suspect named in the warrant. (Note: Plaintiff has not disputed  
16 Defendant's UMF, so she cannot now offer facts that contradict  
17 Defendant's UMF).

18       Supporting Evidence: Defendant's UMF Nos. 11-25.

19       The objection is SUSTAINED, to the portion of the fact  
20 beginning with the word "and" and ending with the word "arrest"  
21 on the grounds of ambiguity and relevance for lack of specificity  
22 as to time.

23       Plaintiff's No. 8. The officers had an 11 year old arrest  
24 warrant for "Maria Herrera," who purportedly violated her  
25 probation and had been charged with the unlawful possession of  
26 controlled substances.

27       Supporting Evidence: Naber Report at 2 and Attachment A  
28 (Sokol Decl. Ex. E); Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

1       Defendant's Response to No. 8. Undisputed to the extent  
2 that the warrant in question was for a person named "Maria  
3 Herrera," was issued in October of 1991, and that the warrant  
4 indicates that Mrs. Herrera had violated her probation. However,  
5 the same warrant noted an alias named "Maria Munoz."

6       Supporting Evidence: Defendant's UMF Nos. 3-4.

7       The objection is OVERRULED.

8       Plaintiff's No. 9. The arrest warrant had expired on  
9 December 31, 1999, almost three years before the unlawful arrest  
10 on September 20, 2002.

11       Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

12       Defendant's Response to No. 9. Disputed, based on the fact  
13 that Exhibit 16 from Officer Cunha's deposition was cited as the  
14 supporting evidence, and not Officer Cunha's actual testimony.  
15 There is no testimony from any of Defendant's employees which  
16 support Plaintiff's interpretation of the cited document.  
17 Plaintiff's supporting evidence lacks foundation and amounts to  
18 inadmissible hearsay, as the document is offered to prove the  
19 truth of the matter asserted, namely, that the warrant did indeed  
20 expire on December 31, 1999. Moreover, the notation on Exhibit  
21 F, "Expire: 123199," upon which Plaintiff makes her claim that  
22 the warrant was expired, does not mean that the warrant  
23 referenced in this printout expired on that date. The reason the  
24 date "123199" was entered on the screen was because the Records  
25 Management System had not been remediated to accept dates into  
26 the next century due to the "Y2K" problem.

27       The objection is SUSTAINED. This fact is disputed.

28       Supporting Evidence: Declaration of Les Van Meter, paragraph

1 3 (Defendant's UMF No. 59).

2 Plaintiff's No. 10. The arrest warrant lists Herrera at 5  
3 feet 6 inches and 195 pounds.

4 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

5 Defendant's Response to No. 10. Disputed to the extent that  
6 the arrest warrant only contained the cited height and weight  
7 information. The Department of Motor Vehicles printout on "Maria  
8 Guadalupe Herrera," attached as part of Exhibit 16, lists Mrs.  
9 Herrera at 5 feet 1 inch, and 110 pounds.

10 The fact is disputed.

11 Plaintiff's No. 11. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz is only 5 feet  
12 tall.

13 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex, 17 at FC 106 (Sokol  
14 Decl. Ex. G).

15 Defendant's Response to No. 11: Undisputed that the document  
16 cited states that "Maria Munoz" is 5 feet tall. Defendant  
17 objects to the extent that this deposition exhibit lacks  
18 information and amounts to inadmissible hearsay.

19 The fact is undisputed based on physical observation; the  
20 foundational objections to the document are SUSTAINED in part -  
21 accepted not for the truth.

22 Plaintiff's No. 12. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz weighs 135  
23 pounds.

24 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. Ex. 17 at FC 106 (Sokol  
25 Decl. Ex. G).

26 Defendant's Response to No. 12. Undisputed that the  
27 document cited states that "Maria Munoz" weighs 135 pounds.  
28 Defendant objects to the extent that this deposition exhibit

1 lacks foundation and amounts to inadmissible hearsay.

2       OVERRULED: The warrant package is admissible not for the  
3 truth of the matters asserted, but to show what information the  
4 arresting officers acted on in executing the arrest. Plaintiff's  
5 actual weight is subject to proof.

6       Plaintiff's No. 13. The arrest warrant noted that Herrera  
7 had a mole on her chin.

8       Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

9       Defendant's Response to No. 13. Undisputed that the Master  
10 Name File (bates stamped FC 113) for Maria Herrera makes that  
11 notation.

12      Plaintiff's No. 14. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz does not have a  
13 mole on her chin.

14      Supporting Evidence: Sylvia Sokol Decl., paragraph 21.

15      Defendant's Response to No. 14. Undisputed.

16      Plaintiff's No. 15. Herrera purportedly used the name  
17 "Maria Munoz."

18      Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

19      Defendant's Response to No. 15. Undisputed that Maria  
20 Herrera was known to have an alias of "Maria Munoz" (see  
21 Defendant's UMF Nos. 4, 5, 7).

22      Plaintiff's No. 16. Each piece of identification that Mrs.  
23 Alvarado de Munoz tried to show the officers listed her name as  
24 "Maria Alvarado de Munoz."

25      Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. At 183-13 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
26 H); Cunha Dep., Ex. 12 and Ex. 13 (Sokol Decl. Exs. I and J);  
27 Munoz Dep. at 29:1-8 (Sokol Decl. Ex. B).

28      Defendant's Response to No. 16. Disputed. Plaintiff's

1 California Identification Card is signed "Maria Munoz," and the  
2 name, as well as the signature, on Plaintiff's Social Security  
3 card is "Maria Alvarado Munoz."

4 Plaintiff's No. 17. The arrest warrant lists Herrera's  
5 birthday as December 25, 1944.

6 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

7 Defendant's Response to No. 17. Undisputed that the warrant  
8 abstract lists Maria Herrera's birthday as December 25, 1944.

9 Plaintiff's No. 18: Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz was born on July  
10 14.

11 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. I).

12 Defendant's Response to No. 18. Undisputed that Plaintiff's  
13 California Identification Card lists her birthdate as July 14,  
14 1944.

15 Plaintiff's No. 19. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz explained to the  
16 officers that her name was Maria Alvarado de Munoz, and not Maria  
17 Herrera.

18 Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 26:8-25 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
19 B).

20 Defendant's Response to No. 19. Disputed. The cited  
21 testimony only states that Plaintiff told the deputy sheriffs  
22 that she had "some papers to show them." Disputed.

23 Plaintiff's No. 20. The officers showed Mrs. Alvarado de  
24 Munoz a driver's license of a woman they were looking for, named  
25 Maria Herrera.

26 Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 22:4-7 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
27 B).

28 Defendant's Response to No. 20. Undisputed.

1 Plaintiff's No. 21. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz explained that  
2 she was not the woman in the picture.

3 Supporting Evidence: Munoz Dep. at 22:4-7 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
4 B).

5 Defendant's Response to No. 21. Undisputed.

6 Plaintiff's No. 22. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz showed the  
7 officers her valid California Identification Card and her Social  
8 Security Number, each of which bore her name.

9 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. at 18:3-13 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
10 H); Cunha Dep., Ex. 12 and 13 (Sokol Decl. Exs. I and J); Munoz  
11 Dep. at 29:18 (Sokol Decl. Ex. B).

12 Defendant's Response to No. 22. Undisputed that Plaintiff  
13 showed the officers her California Identification Card and Social  
14 Security Card. Disputed to the extent Plaintiff claims that the  
15 cards both exclusively bear the name "Maria Alvarado de Munoz."  
16 Plaintiff's California Identification Card is signed "Maria  
17 Munoz," and the name, as well as the signature, on Plaintiff's  
18 Social Security Card is "Maria Alvarado Munoz."

19 Plaintiff's No. 23. One of the arresting officers noticed  
20 the discrepancies between Plaintiff and the description of the  
21 suspect in the warrant package.

22 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep., Ex. 18 at 2 (Sokol  
23 Decl. Ex. K).

24 Defendant's Response to No. 23. It is undisputed that  
25 physical discrepancies were noticed. (See Defendant's UMF Nos.  
26 15-17, 23).

27 Plaintiff's No. 24. He called the detective who had  
28 compiled the package, and pointed out that Plaintiff had said

1 that she was not Herrera, and that the warrant was not for her.

2 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep., Ex. 18 at 2 (Sokol  
3 Decl. Ex. K).

4 Defendant's Response to No. 24. Disputed, based on the fact  
5 that Exhibit 18 from Deputy Garringer's deposition was cited as  
6 the supporting evidence, and not Deputy Cunha's actual testimony.  
7 There is no testimony from any of Defendant's employees which  
8 would authenticate the document cited by Plaintiff. Plaintiff's  
9 supporting evidence lacks foundation and amounts to inadmissible  
10 hearsay.

11 Plaintiff's No. 25. He told the detective that the warrant  
12 indicated that the suspect was supposed to be 5 feet, 6 inches  
13 tall, and 195 pounds.

14 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep., Ex. 18 at 2 (Sokol  
15 Decl. Ex. K).

16 Defendant's Response to No. 25. Disputed, based on the fact  
17 that Exhibit 18 from Deputy Garringer's deposition was cited as  
18 the supporting evidence, and not Deputy Cunha's actual testimony.  
19 There is no testimony from any of Defendant's employees which  
20 would support the proposition for which the document is cited.  
21 Plaintiff's supporting evidence lacks foundation and amounts to  
22 inadmissible hearsay.

23 Plaintiff's No. 26. The detective told him that he thought  
24 they were typos.

25 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep., Ex. 18 at 2 (Sokol  
26 Decl. Ex. K).

27 Defendant's Response to No. 26. Disputed to the extent that  
28 Deputy Garringer's actual deposition testimony is that he

1 believed that the height was a typographical error. (Garringer  
2 Depo., 21:5-10). Defendant objects based on the fact that  
3 Exhibit 18 from Deputy Garringer's deposition was cited as the  
4 supporting evidence, and not Deputy Cunha's actual testimony.  
5 There is no testimony from any of Defendant's employees which  
6 would authenticate the document cited by Plaintiff. Plaintiff's  
7 supporting evidence lacks foundation and amounts to inadmissible  
8 hearsay. Disputed.

9 Plaintiff's No. 27. The officers arrested Mrs. Alvarado de  
10 Munoz.

11 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep., Ex. 18 at 2 (Sokol  
12 Decl. Ex. K).

13 Defendant's Response to No. 27. It is undisputed that  
14 Plaintiff was arrested. (Defendant's UMF no. 25).

15 Plaintiff's No. 28. They handcuffed her behind her back,  
16 and removed her from her home.

17 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. at 21:8-22:3 (Sokol Decl.  
18 Ex. H).

19 Defendant's Response to No. 28. Undisputed that Plaintiff  
20 was removed from her home. Disputed to the extent that Plaintiff  
21 was handcuffed behind her back, as the cited deposition testimony  
22 makes no such representation. Disputed.

23 Plaintiff's No. 29. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz did not threaten  
24 any of the officers at any point during the arrest.

25 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. at 10:2-24 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
26 H).

27 Defendant's Response to No. 29. Undisputed. However,  
28 Defendant objects on the basis of relevance, as Defendant has not

1 alleged as part of any defense or immunity that Plaintiff  
2 threatened the deputy sheriffs. Objection OVERRULED.

3 Plaintiff's No. 30. As Officer Haslam put it, "[s]he was  
4 upset. She didn't resist."

5 Supporting Evidence: Haslam Dep. at 47:24 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
6 L).

7 Defendant's Response to No. 30. Undisputed. However,  
8 Defendant objects on the basis of relevance, as Defendant has not  
9 alleged as part of any defense or immunity that Plaintiff  
10 threatened the deputy sheriffs. Objection OVERRULED.

11 Plaintiff's No. 31. Booking officer Andy Schick testified  
12 that Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz was "calm. She walked right by my  
13 side, entered my cubicle, and I didn't notice anything that would  
14 lead me to anything."

15 Supporting Evidence: Schick Dep. 23:15-18 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
16 M).

17 Defendant's Response to No. 31. Undisputed. However,  
18 Defendant objects on the basis of relevance, Defendant has not  
19 alleged as part of any defense or immunity that Plaintiff  
20 threatened the deputy sheriffs. Immaterial fact for this motion.

21 Plaintiff's No. 32. James Whitton, the identification  
22 technician who fingerprinted Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz, noted that  
23 she was "very passive and very quiet."

24 Supporting Evidence: Whitton Dep. at 20:10-11 (Sokol Decl.  
25 Ex. D).

26 Defendant's Response to No. 32. Undisputed. However,  
27 Defendant objects on the basis of relevance. Defendant has not  
28 alleged as part of any defense or immunity that Plaintiff

1 threatened the deputy sheriffs, or was otherwise disruptive.

2 Objection OVERRULED.

3 Plaintiff's No. 33. James Whitton "didn't feel that she had  
4 been arrested before."

5 Supporting Evidence: Whitton Dep. at 20:12 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
6 D).

7 Defendant's Response to No. 33. Undisputed. However,  
8 Defendant objects on the basis of relevance. Defendant has not  
9 alleged as part of any defense or immunity that Plaintiff  
10 threatened the deputy sheriffs, or was otherwise disruptive.

11 Objection SUSTAINED for this motion.

12 Plaintiff's No. 34. The officers first brought the  
13 handcuffed Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz to the county courthouse.

14 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. at 21:8-22:3 (Sokol Decl.,  
15 Ex. H).

16 Defendant's Response to No. 34. Undisputed that Plaintiff  
17 was initially brought to the county courthouse in Firebaugh.

18 Plaintiff's No. 35. She told a bailiff at the courthouse  
19 that she was not Maria Herrera.

20 Supporting Evidence: Chacon Dep. At 8:23-9:5.

21 Defendant's Response to No. 35. Undisputed.

22 Plaintiff's No. 36. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz told the bailiff  
23 that she had a serious medical condition.

24 Supporting Evidence: Chacon Dep. at 8:23-25 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
25 N).

26 Defendant's Response to No. 36. Undisputed that Plaintiff  
27 told Officer Chacon that she had medical problems. Disputed to  
28 the extent that Plaintiff told Officer Chacon that the problems

1 were serious.

2 Plaintiff's No. 37. Because the courthouse has no medical  
3 staff, the bailiff told the arresting officers to take Mrs.  
4 Alvarado de Munoz to the county jail.

5 Supporting Evidence: Chacon Dep. at 20:18-24 (Sokol Decl.  
6 Ex. N).

7 Defendant's Response to No. 37. It is undisputed that  
8 Plaintiff was transported to the county jail facility for medical  
9 reasons. (See Defendant's UMF Nos. 28-30).

10 Plaintiff's No. 38. Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz was booked at  
11 the county jail at approximately 11:30 a.m.

12 Supporting Evidence: Haslam Dep. at 61:7-10 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
13 L).

14 Defendant's Response to No. 38. Undisputed.

15 Plaintiff's No. 39. Although a nurse medically screened  
16 her, Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz did not receive medication during her  
17 detention.

18 Supporting Evidence: Dionisio Dep. (May 6) at 34:21-23,  
19 40:1-8 (Sokol Decl. Ex. O).

20 Defendant's Response to No. 39. Disputed, as this fact  
21 misstates Ms. Dionisio's testimony. Ms. Dionisio testified that  
22 she did not give the medication to Plaintiff because it was the  
23 procedure in the jail for her to give inmate medications to the  
24 charge nurse, who then gives the medications to the inmates.  
25 Defendant also objects on the basis of relevance, as Plaintiff's  
26 claims based on denial of medical care are not being brought  
27 under state law.

28 Supporting Evidence: Dionisio Depo. 34:25-35:3, 40:1-8.

1 Objection sustained on the ground of relevance for this motion.

2 Plaintiff's No. 40. Around 8:12 p.m., Mrs. Alvarado de  
3 Munoz was subjected to a strip and visual body cavity search.

4 Supporting Evidence: Murphy Dep. at 19:17-22 (Sokol Decl.  
5 Ex. P); Naber Report at 4 (Sokol Decl. Ex. E).

6 Defendant's Response to No. 40. Undisputed. (See  
7 Defendant's UMF Nos. 52-53).

8 Plaintiff's No. 41. Pursuant to the jail's overcrowding  
9 policy, an officer determines which inmates are to be released by  
10 looking at, among other things, the person's past criminal  
11 history, the nature of the charges against her, her behavior, and  
12 her prior history with the county jail and with the community.

13 Supporting Evidence: Akioyame Dep. at 9:12-13, 9:21-10:3,  
14 14:1-4 (Sokol Decl. Ex. Q).

15 Defendant's Response to No. 41. Undisputed.

16 Plaintiff's No. 42. Applying these factors, the county jail  
17 released Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz around 11:30 p.m.

18 Supporting Evidence: Akioyame Dep. at 14:5-17 (Sokol Decl.  
19 Ex. Q); Akioyame Dep., Ex. 50 (Sokol Decl. Ex. S).

20 Defendant's Response to No. 42. Undisputed (see Defendant's  
21 UMF No. 57).

22 Plaintiff's No. 43. Before the arrest, the County's officer  
23 who compiled the warrant package did not search Herrera's address  
24 or Social Security number. He searched for the address and  
25 Social Security number of "Maria Munoz."

26 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep., Ex. 18 at 2 (Sokol  
27 Decl. Ex. K); Garringer Dep. At 11:21-24 (Sokol Decl. Ex. S).

28 Defendant's Response to No. 43. Undisputed that Deputy

1 Garringer searched for the address and social security number of  
2 "Maria Munoz." Disputed to the extent it suggests that Maria  
3 Herrera's address and social security number were not searched.  
4 Deputy Garringer conducted a search for Maria Herrera's  
5 information, and discovered that she had an alias of "Maria  
6 Munoz." (See Defendant's UMF Nos. 5-7). In addition, Defendant  
7 objects to the extent that Exhibit 18 of Deputy Garringer's  
8 deposition lacks foundation, and constitutes inadmissible  
9 hearsay. Disputed.

10 Plaintiff's No. 44. At the time of the arrest, the County's  
11 officers failed to review Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz's United States  
12 Passport or her INS Registration Card, each bearing her full name  
13 and birth date.

14 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. At 27:7-9, 29:6-13, 29:19-  
15 30:2 (Sokol Decl. Ex. H).

16 Defendant's Response to No. 44. Disputed, as this misstates  
17 Deputy Cunha's testimony. Deputy Cunha testified that he did not  
18 recall reviewing Plaintiff's Passport or INS Registration Card.  
19 This fact is also disputed to the extent that it is implied that  
20 Plaintiff offered Deputy Cunha her Passport or INS Registration  
21 Card for review. Disputed.

22 Plaintiff's No. 45. The arresting officers did not conduct  
23 a check for information about Herrera's scars, tattoos, and  
24 moles.

25 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. at 13:15-21, 16:16-20, 19:1-  
26 4, 23:23-24:1 (Sokol Decl. Ex. H).

27 Defendant's Response to No. 45. Disputed to the extent that  
28 this fact misstates Deputy Cunha's testimony. Deputy Cunha

1 testified that he did not recall whether the arresting officers  
2 said anything or made any investigations as to any identifying  
3 marks on Plaintiff. Disputed.

4 Plaintiff's No. 46. At the time of the arrest, no one  
5 checked Plaintiff's fingerprints against those of Herrera.

6 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep. At 32:23-5, 33:18-22, 34:5-  
7 11 (Sokol Decl. Ex. H).

8 Defendant's Response to No. 46. Undisputed that a  
9 fingerprint check was not performed at the time of the arrest.  
10 Disputed to the extent that a fingerprint check could have been  
11 performed at the time of arrest, as Deputy Cunha testified that  
12 Maria Herrera's fingerprints were not in the warrant package  
13 materials, and there is nothing to indicate that any of the  
14 arresting officers were trained in performing fingerprint  
15 comparisons, or had the equipment with them to do such a  
16 comparison. Disputed.

17 Plaintiff's No. 47. At the time of the arrest, the  
18 arresting officers failed to obtain booking records that revealed  
19 that Herrera had a scar on her right calf. If Mrs. Alvarado de  
20 Munoz did not have such a scar, one of the County's officers  
21 admits that it would have been a pretty good indication that she  
22 was not the woman they were looking for.

23 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Dep. At 19:21-20:3 (Sokol  
24 Decl. Ex. S).

25 Defendant's Response to No. 47. Disputed to the extent that  
26 this "fact" implies that the arresting officers "failed" to  
27 obtain booking records. Deputy Garringer testified that the  
28 information regarding Maria Herrera's scar was not in the warrant

1 materials. Defendant also objects on the basis that the question  
2 posed to Deputy Garringer was vague. Disputed.

3 Supporting Evidence: Garringer Depo. 19:15-20.

4 SUSTAINED. Disputed fact.

5 Plaintiff's No. 48. The warrant abstract that the officers  
6 used to arrest Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz showed that the warrant had  
7 been issued on October 17, 1991.

8 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

9 Defendant's Response to No. 48. It is undisputed that the  
10 warrant was issued on October 17, 1991. (See Defendant's UMF No.  
11 3).

12 Plaintiff's No. 49. The following language appears on the  
13 warrant the officers had when they arrested Plaintiff: "EXPIRE:  
14 123199."

15 Supporting Evidence: Cunha Dep., Ex. 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F).

16 Defendant's Response to No. 49. Disputed to the extent that  
17 the warrant actually expired on December 31, 1999. Defendant  
18 objects based on the fact that Exhibit 16 from Officer Cunha's  
19 deposition was cited as the supporting evidence, and not any  
20 testimony regarding the document. There is no testimony from any  
21 of Defendant's employees which would authenticate the document  
22 cited by Plaintiff as part of the warrant package in the field.  
23 Plaintiff's supporting evidence lacks foundation and is  
24 inadmissible hearsay. This fact is also disputed to the extent  
25 that the quoted portion appears "on the warrant," as the cited  
26 document is a computer-generated printout. Moreover, the  
27 notation on Exhibit F, "Expire: 123199," upon which Plaintiff  
28 makes her claim that the warrant was expired, does not mean that

1 the warrant referenced in this printout expired on that date.  
2 The reason the date "123199" was entered on the screen was  
3 because the Records Management System had not been remediated to  
4 accept dates into the next century due to the "Y2K" problem.

5 Supporting Evidence: Declaration of Les Van Meter, paragraph  
6 3 (Defendant's UMF No. 59).

7 Objection SUSTAINED. This fact is disputed.

8 Plaintiff's No. 50. Lieutenant Toby Rien, who investigated  
9 the arrest of Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz, testified that after  
10 looking at the photographs of the two women "what I viewed, they  
11 were not the same person."

12 Supporting Evidence: Rien Dep. At 34:21-23 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
13 T).

14 Defendant's Response to No. 50. Undisputed that the cited  
15 testimony was given. However, Defendant objects on the basis of  
16 relevance, as Lieutenant Rien's observation was made after the  
17 fact, pursuant to an investigation, and not under the same  
18 conditions as the arresting officers. Objection SUSTAINED on the  
19 ground of relevance.

20 Plaintiff's No. 51. James Whitton, the identification  
21 technician who fingerprinted Mrs. Alvarado de Munoz, testified  
22 that he "noticed a physical difference in what was on the warrant  
23 and what was in my office..."

24 Supporting Evidence: Whitton Dep. At 19:2-5 (Sokol Decl. Ex.  
25 D).

26 Defendant's Response to No. 51. Disputed to the extent that  
27 the cited testimony is incomplete. Mr. Whitton testified that he  
28 pointed out "the discrepancy in height" based on "the physical in

1 the warrant indicated a taller person." Also disputed to the  
2 extent that this fact implies that the warrant information only  
3 contained height information indicating that Herrera was  
4 considerably taller than Plaintiff. The Department of Motor  
5 Vehicles printout on "Maria Guadalupe Herrera," attached as part  
6 of the warrant materials, lists Mrs. Herrera at 5 feet 1 inch.

7 Supporting Evidence: Whitton Depo., 19:6-9; Cunha Depo., Ex.  
8 16 (Sokol Decl. Ex. F). Disputed.

9 Plaintiff's No. 52. Plaintiff's expert William F. Naber  
10 testified that he concluded that "[t]hey're two different people"  
11 by looking at the photographs of the two women based on "the  
12 shape of the eyes, the shape of the cheek bones, the lips, the  
13 nose."

14 Supporting Evidence: Naber Dep. At 68:22-69:1 (Sokol Decl.  
15 Ex. U).

16 Defendant's Response to No. 52. Undisputed that the cited  
17 testimony was given. However, Defendant objects on the basis of  
18 relevance, as Mr. Naber's observation was made after the fact,  
19 pursuant to an investigation, and not under the same conditions  
20 that confronted the arresting officers. Therefore, this evidence  
21 is unreliable, and would not tend to prove that the actions of  
22 the deputy sheriffs were unreasonable. Objection SUSTAINED for  
23 this motion.

24 The parties are directed to confer with the court to arrive  
25 at a final set of undisputed material facts.

26 III. LEGAL STANDARD

27 A. Summary Judgment

28 Summary judgment is appropriate only "if the pleadings,

1 depositions, answers to interrogatories, and admissions on file,  
2 together with the affidavits, if any, show that there is no  
3 genuine issue as to any material fact." Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c);  
4 see also *Maffei v. Northern Ins. Co. of New York*, 12 F.3d 892,  
5 899 (9th Cir. 1993). A genuine issue of fact exists when the  
6 non-moving party produces evidence on which a reasonable trier of  
7 fact could find in its favor viewing the record as a whole in  
8 light of the evidentiary burden the law places on that party.  
9 See *Triton Energy Corp. v. Square D Co.*, 68 F.3d 1216, 1221 (9th  
10 Cir. 1995); see also *Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S.  
11 242, 252-56 (1986). The non-moving party cannot simply rest on  
12 its allegation without any significant probative evidence tending  
13 to support the complaint. See *U.A. Local 343 v. Nor-Cal  
14 Plumbing, Inc.*, 48 F.3d 1465, 1471 (9th Cir. 1995).

15 [T]he plain language of Rule 56(c) mandates the entry  
16 of summary judgment, after adequate time for discovery  
17 and upon motion, against a party who fails to make a  
showing sufficient to establish the existence of an  
element essential to the party's case, and on which  
that party will bear the burden of proof at trial. In  
such a situation, there can be "no genuine issue as to  
any material fact," since a complete failure of proof  
concerning an essential element of the non-moving  
party's case necessarily renders all other facts  
immaterial.

21 *Celotex Corp. v. Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 322-23 (1986).

22 The more implausible the claim or defense asserted by the  
23 opposing party, the more persuasive its evidence must be to avoid  
24 summary judgment. See *United States ex rel. Anderson v. Northern  
25 Telecom, Inc.*, 52 F.3d 810, 815 (9th Cir. 1996). Nevertheless,  
26 "[t]he evidence of the non-movant is to be believed, and all  
27 justifiable inferences are to be drawn in its favor." *Liberty  
28 Lobby*, 477 U.S. at 255. A court's role on summary judgment,

1 however, is not to weigh the evidence, i.e., issue resolution,  
2 but rather to find genuine factual issues. See *Abdul-Jabbar v.*  
3 *General Motors Corp.*, 85 F.3d 407, 410 (9th Cir. 1996).

4 Evidence submitted in support of or in opposition to a  
5 motion for summary judgment must be admissible under the standard  
6 articulated in 56(e). See *Keenan v. Hall*, 83 F.3d 1083, 1090 n.1  
7 (9th Cir. 1996); *Anheuser-Busch, Inc. v. Nat'l Beverage*  
8 *Distribs.*, 69 F.3d 337, 345 n.4 (9th Cir. 1995). Properly  
9 authenticated documents, including discovery documents, although  
10 such documents are not admissible in that form at trial, can be  
11 used in a motion for summary judgment if appropriately  
12 authenticated by affidavit or declaration. See *United States v.*  
13 *One Parcel of Real Property*, 904 F.2d 487, 491-492 (9th Cir.  
14 1990). Supporting and opposing affidavits must be made on  
15 personal knowledge, shall set forth such facts as would be  
16 admissible in evidence, and shall show affirmatively that the  
17 affiant is competent to testify to the matters stated herein.  
18 See Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(e); *Connor v. Sakai*, 15 F.3d 1463, 1470  
19 (9th Cir. 1993), rev'd on other grounds sub nom. *Sandin v.*  
20 *Connor*, 515 U.S. 472 (1995).

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22 B. Local Rule 56-260(b)

23 Any party opposing a motion for summary judgment or summary  
24 adjudication shall reproduce the itemized facts in the Statement  
25 of Undisputed Facts and admit those facts which are undisputed  
26 and deny those which are disputed, including with each denial a  
27 citation to the particular portions of any pleading, affidavit,  
28 deposition, interrogatory answer, admission, or other document

1 relied upon in support of that denial. The opposing party may  
2 also file a concise "Statement of Disputed Facts," and the source  
3 thereof in the record, of all additional material facts as to  
4 which there is a genuine issue precluding summary judgment or  
5 adjudication. The opposing party shall be responsible for the  
6 filing with the Court of all evidentiary documents cited in the  
7 opposing papers. If a need for discovery is asserted as a basis  
8 for denial of the motion, the party opposing the motion shall  
9 provide a specification of the particular facts on which  
10 discovery is to be had or the issues on which discovery is  
11 necessary.

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13                          **IV. ANALYSIS**

14     A. Introduction

15       Defendant County of Fresno asserts that all of Plaintiff's  
16 state law claims are barred by the immunity provisions of  
17 California Civil Code § 43.55, California Penal Code § 847, and  
18 California Government Code § 844.6. Memorandum, docket no. 45,  
19 at 8:4-7. These statutes provide, in pertinent part:

20       There shall be no liability on the part of, and no  
21 cause of action shall arise against, any peace officer  
22 who makes an arrest pursuant to a warrant of arrest  
regular upon its face if the peace officer in making  
the arrest acts without malice and in the reasonable  
belief that the person arrested is the one referred to  
in the warrant.

24 Cal. Civil Code § 43.55 (West 2003);

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26       (b) There shall be no civil liability on the part of,  
27 and no cause of action shall arise against, any peace  
officer or federal criminal investigator or law  
enforcement officer described in subdivision (a) or (d)  
of § 830.8, acting within the scope of his or her  
28 authority, for false arrest or false imprisonment

1       arising out of any arrest under any of the following  
2       circumstances: (a)<sup>3</sup> The arrest was lawful, or the peace  
3       officer, at the time of the arrest, had reasonable  
4       cause to believe the arrest was lawful; (b) The arrest  
5       was made pursuant to a charge made, upon reasonable  
6       cause, of the commission of a felony by the person to  
7       be arrested; (c) The arrest was made pursuant to the  
8       requirements of §§ 142, 837, 838, or 839.

9       Cal. Penal Code § 847 (West 2003); and

10      Except as otherwise provided by statute, a public  
11     entity is not liable for an injury resulting from an  
12     act or omission of an employee of the public entity  
13     where the employee is immune from liability.

14      Cal. Gov't Code § 815.2(b). Plaintiff denies that these statutes  
15     bar her state claims. Opposition, docket no. 58, *passim*.

16      B. Claim of Assault and Battery

17      Plaintiff has agreed to stipulate to a dismissal of her  
18     claim for assault and battery. Opposition, docket no. 58, at  
19     1:13-14; Defendant County of Fresno's Reply, docket no. ZZ, at  
20     2:3-4. Plaintiff's Second "Cause of Action," for assault and  
21     battery, is DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

22      C. Claim of False Arrest and Imprisonment

23      False imprisonment under California law is the "unlawful  
24     violation of the personal liberty of another." *Asgari v. City of*  
25     *Los Angeles*, 15 Cal.4th 744, 757, 63 Cal.Rptr.2d 842, 850, 937  
26     P.2d 273, 281 (1997) (citations omitted). Under California law,  
27     "'false arrest' and 'false imprisonment' are not separate torts.  
28     False arrest is but one way of committing a false imprisonment,

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3       So in enrolled bill.

1 and they are distinguishable only in terminology." *Collins v.*  
2 *City and County of San Francisco*, 50 Cal.App.3d 671, 673, 123  
3 Cal.Rptr. 525, 526 (1975).

4 In this case, the arrest was effected pursuant to a "no-  
5 bail" felony warrant. Arrests pursuant to a valid warrant are  
6 authorized under Cal. Penal Code § 836. "An arrest is valid if  
7 supported by probable cause. Probable cause to arrest exists if  
8 facts known to the arresting officer would lead a person of  
9 ordinary care and prudence to entertain an honest and strong  
10 suspicion that an individual is guilty of a crime." *People v.*  
11 *Kraft*, 23 Cal.4th 978, 1037, 99 Cal.Rptr.2d 1, 40, 5 P.3d 68, 104  
12 (2000) (citing *People v. Price*, 1 Cal.4th 324, 410, 3 Cal.Rptr.2d  
13 106 (1991)).

14 Defendants cite *Lopez v. City of Oxnard*, 207 Cal.App.3d 1,  
15 254 Cal.Rptr. 556 (1989), as having facts so similar to the  
16 present case that its holding should guide the Court's decision.

17 In *Lopez*, the plaintiff

18 was arrested three times on an outstanding warrant  
19 issued by the municipal court. The person named in the  
20 warrant had the same name, birth date, address and  
21 physical description as plaintiff Lopez. There was,  
22 however, a problem. Lopez was not the person named in  
23 the warrant. The court offered a solution. After his  
24 first arrest, the court prepared a document called a  
25 "disposition sheet" for Lopez to carry with him. It  
26 stated that Lopez was not the person named in the  
warrant. When arrested again, he showed the  
disposition sheet to the arresting officers and the  
sheriff. They refused to verify its validity.  
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[The plaintiff argued], among other things, that .  
. . the arresting officers and the jail personnel  
should have verified the validity of the court order he  
held.

27 207 Cal.App.3d at 4-5, 254 Cal.Rptr. at 557. The court  
28 determined that "neither the police officers nor the jailers

1 breached any duty in refusing to consider the disposition sheet  
2 he showed to them." *Id.* at 5, 254 Cal.Rptr. at 557. "[A]  
3 sheriff, as a ministerial officer of the court, may safely  
4 proceed to incarcerate an individual on a warrant apparently  
5 valid on its face which comes from a court with subject matter  
6 jurisdiction." *Id.* at 11, 254 Cal.Rptr. 561-62. The court  
7 explained further: "A police officer must use reasonable prudence  
8 and diligence to determine whether a party being arrested is the  
9 one described in the warrant. The officer may not refuse to act  
10 upon information offered him which discloses the warrant is being  
11 served on the wrong person." *Id.* at 7, 254 Cal.Rptr. at 559.  
12 However, "the sheriff simply refused to look behind a valid  
13 warrant to investigate the validity of statements on a piece of  
14 paper handed to him by an arrestee." *Id.* at 11, 254 Cal.Rptr. At  
15 561. The *Lopez* court was partially "sympathetic to the plight of  
16 Mr. Lopez. To reduce the risk of this occurring again, we  
17 suggest that such disposition notices include as much identifying  
18 information as possible, including fingerprints and photographs."  
19 *Id.* at 13, 254 Cal.Rptr. at 563.

20 Plaintiff argues that *Lopez* is inapposite. There, the  
21 plaintiff "ma[de] no allegations that the warrant was either  
22 irregular on its face or that it did not adequately describe  
23 him." *Id.* at 8, 254 Cal.Rptr. at 560. Here, however, Plaintiff  
24 argues that the warrant was irregular on its face because it had  
25 expired (see Plaintiff's UMF 9). In *Lopez*, "[t]he trial court  
26 took judicial notice of the warrant and found it regular on its  
27 face." *Id.*, 254 Cal.Rptr. at 560 (citing Code Civ. Proc.  
28 § 430.30(a); *Blatty v. New York Times, Co.*, 42 Cal.3d 1033, 1040,

1 232 Cal.Rptr. 542, 728 P.2d 1177 (1986)). Defendant rejoins that  
2 the warrant had not actually expired and was not irregular on its  
3 face. (See Defendant's UMF 59; Defendant's response to  
4 Plaintiff's UMF 9). Plaintiff's reply challenges Defendant's  
5 supporting evidence on grounds of inadequate foundation (see  
6 Plaintiff's Objections to Decl. of Les van Meter, docket no. DD,  
7 at 2:3-16). Here, there remains in dispute as to which "warrant"  
8 the arresting officers possessed in the field and whether it was  
9 "regular on its face."

10 As in *Robinson v. City and County of San Francisco*, 41  
11 Cal.App.3d 334, 336, 116 Cal.Rptr. 125, 126-27 (1974), here,  
12 there is a factual dispute whether Plaintiff was the person named  
13 in the warrant. Plaintiff argues that the warrant did not  
14 adequately describe her (see Plaintiff's UMFs 10-25; Sokol Sup.  
15 Decl., Ex. A, at 46:9-18). Defendant admits that there were  
16 discrepancies between the description of Herrera in the warrant  
17 package documents and Plaintiff's physical appearance. (See  
18 Defendant's responses to Plaintiff's UMFs 10-25). For immunity,  
19 the arresting officer must reasonably believe the person arrested  
20 is the one described in the warrant. Cal. Civ. Code § 43.55.

21 The Court cannot take judicial notice of the warrant,  
22 because the parties have submitted two documents related to the  
23 warrant, neither of which is a certified copy of the warrant  
24 itself. There is a "Warrant Retrieval," which includes the entry  
25 "EXPIRE: 123199." See Sokol Decl., docket no. 59, Exhibit E  
26 ("Naber Expert Witness Report"), at 20. There is also a "Warrant  
27 Abstract," which includes a date of issue (10/17/91), but no date  
28 of expiration. See Sokol Decl., docket no. 59, Exhibit F ("the

1 warrant package"), at FC 129. When the undisputed material facts  
2 submitted by Defendant County of Fresno are reviewed, the  
3 question raised by face of the Warrant Retrieval document's  
4 facial invalidity was not considered until after Plaintiff's  
5 arrest and release. See Defendant's UMFs 1-9. The van Meter  
6 declaration does not disclose whether the "Y2K problem" with  
7 warrants had been communicated to all field offices. Whether the  
8 officers executing the warrant had such knowledge is unstated.

9 The arresting officers had in their possession only the  
10 warrant package, which included the Warrant Abstract but not the  
11 Warrant Retrieval document. Both documents, however, were  
12 available to Deputy Garringer. As neither document is a  
13 certified copy of the arrest warrant actually executed in the  
14 field, even assuming the fact that an "expiration date" on one of  
15 them put Deputy Garringer on notice that an inquiry about the  
16 viability of the warrant needed to be made, whether the warrant  
17 was regular upon its face cannot be resolved.

18 Under California law, it is well settled that  
19 even though an arrest has been made on a  
20 constitutionally invalid warrant, the arrest and  
21 incident search may nevertheless be justified if the  
22 arrest is not based exclusively upon the warrant but if  
other facts were present at the time of the arrest  
which furnished probable cause to arrest without a  
warrant.

23 *People v. Rice*, 10 Cal.App.3d 730, 89 Cal.Rptr. 200 (1970)  
24 (citing *People v. Chimel*, 68 Cal.2d 436, 440-441, 67 Cal.Rptr.  
25 421, 439 P.2d 333 (1968), overruled on other grounds in *Chimel v.*  
*California*, 395 U.S. 752, 89 S.Ct. 2034, 23 L.Ed.2d 685 (1969);  
27 *People v. Donovan*, 272 Cal.App.2d 413, 419, 77 Cal.Rptr. 285  
28 (1969); see also *People v. Sanford*, 265 Cal.App.2d 960, 966, 71

1 Cal.Rptr. 790 (1968)); B0022. The physical descriptions of  
2 Herrera were themselves part of the warrant package and could not  
3 provide independent grounds for establishing probable cause. No  
4 other circumstances are relied upon by Defendants to suggest that  
5 there were other facts that could independently provide probable  
6 cause for Plaintiff's arrest.

7 "The law is clear that the question of probable cause to  
8 arrest is a legal issue to be decided by the trial court." *Pool*  
9 *v. City of Oakland*, 42 Cal.3d 1051, 1071; 232 Cal.Rptr. 528, 538;  
10 728 P.2d 1163, 1173 (1986); (citing *Roberts v. City of Los*  
11 *Angeles*, 109 Cal.App.3d 625, 629-630, 167 Cal.Rptr. 320 (1980);  
12 *Gibson v. J.C. Penney C., Inc.*, 165 Cal.App.2d 640, 645, 331 P.2d  
13 1057 (1958); *Aitken v. White*, 93 Cal.App.2d 134, 141, 208 P.2d  
14 788, (1949)).

15 The trier of fact's function in false arrest cases is  
16 to resolve conflicts in the evidence. Accordingly,  
17 where the evidence is conflicting with respect to  
18 probable cause, it [is] the duty of the court to  
19 instruct the jury as to what facts, if established,  
20 would constitute probable cause. The jury then decides  
21 whether the evidence supports the necessary factual  
22 findings.

23 *Id.* (internal citations omitted). Here, none of the other facts  
24 and circumstances which the arresting officers learned at  
25 Plaintiff's home would provide "a person of ordinary care and  
prudence to entertain an honest and strong suspicion that  
[Plaintiff was] guilty of a crime," except if they reasonably  
believed Plaintiff was the person described in the warrant.

26 As the regularity of the warrant of arrest upon its face  
27 cannot be decided as a matter of law under Cal. Civ. Code  
28 § 43.55, and no other cause existed for arrest under Pen. Code

1   § 847. Defendant's motion for summary judgment under Cal. Gov't  
2   Code § 815.2(b) as to Plaintiff's claim of false imprisonment is  
3   DENIED.

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5   D.   Violation of the California Constitution, Article I,  
6       Sections 7(a) and 13

7       Article I, Section 7(a) of the California Constitution  
8   provides, in pertinent part: "A person may not be deprived of  
9   life, liberty, or property without due process of law or denied  
10   equal protection of the laws." Article I, Section 13 provides:  
11   "The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses,  
12   papers, and effects against unreasonable seizures and searches  
13   may not be violated; and a warrant may not issue except on  
14   probable cause, supported by oath or affirmation, particularly  
15   describing the place to be searched and the persons and things to  
16   be seized.

17       The arguments and evidence Defendant adduces in support of  
18   summary judgment on this claim are the same as those it adduces  
19   in support of summary judgment for the false imprisonment claim.  
20   However, the controlling state law appears to bar a claim for  
21   damages for an alleged constitutional tort under Cal. Const. Art.  
22   §§ 7(a) and 13. *City of Simi Valley v. Superior Court*, (2003)  
23   111 Cal.App.4th 1077, 1084; citing *City of Katzenberg v. Regents*  
24   of the University of California, (2002) 29 Cal.4th 300, 303; see  
25   also *People v. Englebrecht* (2001) 88 Cal.App.4th 1236, 1250 (no  
26   right to jury trial for claims under Cal. Const. Art. §§ 7 and  
27   13). The motion for summary judgment is GRANTED as to the State  
28   constitutional claims.

1   E. Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress

2       In California, "there is no independent tort of negligent  
3       infliction of emotional distress. The tort is negligence, a  
4       cause of action in which a duty to the plaintiff is an essential  
5       element." *Potter v. Firestone Tire and Rubber Co.*, 6 Cal.4th  
6       965, 984, 25 Cal.Rptr.2d 550, 563, 863 P.2d 795, 807 (1993);  
7       *Klein v. Children's Hosp. Med. Center*, 46 Cal.App.4th 889, 894,  
8       54 Cal.Rptr. 2d 34 (1996). The Potter court explained further:

9           unless the defendant has assumed a duty to plaintiff in  
10          which the emotional condition of the plaintiff is an  
11          object, recovery is available only if the emotional  
12          distress arises out of the defendant's breach of some  
13          other legal duty and the emotional distress is  
14          proximately caused by that breach of duty.

15 Plaintiff's claim for negligent infliction of emotional distress  
16 is considered under her claim for negligence. Emotional distress  
17 damages are also recoverable under a federal civil rights claim.  
18 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

19       Plaintiff has not alleged the tort of intentional infliction  
20       of emotional distress.

21       The elements of the tort of intentional infliction of  
22       emotional distress are: (1) extreme and outrageous  
23       conduct by the defendant with the intention of causing,  
24       or reckless disregard of the probability of causing,  
25       emotional distress; (2) the plaintiff's suffering  
     severe or extreme emotional distress; and (3) actual  
     and proximate causation of the emotional distress by  
     the defendant's outrageous conduct . . . Conduct to be  
     outrageous must be so extreme as to exceed all bounds  
     of that usually tolerated in a civilized community.  
     The defendant must have engaged in 'conduct intended to  
     inflict injury or engaged in with the realization that  
     injury will result.

26       *Id.* at 1001, 25 Cal.Rptr.2d at 574, 863 P.2d at 819 (citations  
27       and internal quotations omitted). In California, "the law limits  
28       claims of intentional infliction distress to egregious conduct

1 toward plaintiff proximately caused by defendant." *Id.*, 25  
2 Cal.Rptr.2d at 574, 863 P.2d at 819 (internal quotations omitted;  
3 emphasis in original). "The requirement that the defendant's  
4 conduct be directed primarily at the plaintiff is a factor which  
5 distinguishes intentional infliction of emotional distress from  
6 the negligent infliction of such injury." *Id.* at 1002, 25  
7 Cal.Rptr.2d at 575, 863 P.2d at 820.

8 The motion for summary judgment as to the state claim for  
9 stand-alone negligent infliction of emotional distress is  
10 GRANTED.

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12 F. Claim of Negligence

13 The elements of actionable negligence include: (a) a legal  
14 duty to use due care; (b) breach of that legal duty; and (c) that  
15 the breach is the proximate or legal cause of the resulting  
16 injury. *Stuart v. U.S. Government*, 797 F.Supp. 800, 804 (C.D.  
17 Cal. 1992).

18 In its Memorandum in Support of the Motion, Defendant  
19 asserts that "[t]here is no evidence to support a finding of  
20 negligence on the part of the deputies involved in the arrest and  
21 detention of the plaintiff." Docket no. 45, Memorandum, at  
22 13:14-15. As to the arrest itself, the circumstances of the  
23 preliminary investigation fall between two situations described  
24 in *Milliken v. City of South Pasadena*, 96 Cal.App.3d 834, 842,  
25 158 Cal.Rptr. 409, 413 (1979), a false arrest, false  
imprisonment, and malicious prosecution case. *Milliken* observes,  
27 "the peace officer must obey the order of the court," the order  
28 in question being a warrant; "But if he had actual knowledge that

1 the arrest warrant did not constitute the order of the court . .  
2 . , then he could not rely upon the warrant." *Id.* (emphasis  
3 added). On the other hand, if the warrant was valid on its face,  
4 the officer's "innocent or negligent failure to investigate or  
5 determine [its validity] would offer no basis for liability."  
6 *Id.* Here, whether the warrant was invalid on its face is in  
7 dispute. The "reasonableness of the officer's investigation into  
8 the identity of Maria Herrera" is in dispute. (See Reply, docket  
9 no. DD, at 9:25-27).

10 Under such circumstances, Cal. Civ. Code § 43.55 and Cal.  
11 Penal Code § 847 do not provide immunity to Defendant as a matter  
12 of law for alleged negligence.

13 Defendant also claims immunity under Cal. Gov't Code  
14 § 820.2, whereunder public employees are immune from liability  
15 for acts or omissions resulting from the 'exercise of discretion  
16 . . . whether or not such discretion be abused. *Goehring v.*  
17 *Wright*, 858 F.Supp. 989, 1002 (N.D. Cal. 1994). The statute  
18 relies on imposes a duty on the arresting officer to determine  
19 upon reasonable belief that the person arrested is the one  
20 referred to in the warrant.

21 Defendant's motion for Cal. Govt. C. § 820.2 immunity is  
22 DENIED.

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24 V. CONCLUSION

25 Defendant County of Fresno's motion for partial summary  
26 judgment is DENIED. Plaintiff's claims for assault and battery,  
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1 and violation of Const. Art. I, §§ 7(a) and 13 are DISMISSED WITH  
2 PREJUDICE.

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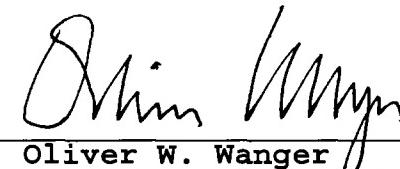
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